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GOVERNOR EHRLICH PROMOTES INGLIS TO BRIGADIER GENERAL

BALTIMORE – June 7, 2005 – Governor Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr., today announced the federal recognition of the promotion of Col. Christopher Inglis to the rank of Brigadier General in the United States Air Force with assignment to the Maryland Air National Guard.

General Inglis, who most recently held the position of Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Maryland Air National Guard, will serve as director of the newly formed Joint Forces Headquarters of the Maryland National Guard.

"The Maryland National Guard is truly fortunate to have such an extremely talented and dynamic officer in General Inglis, particularly given his deep and unique understanding of national security and defense-related issues," said Governor Ehrlich.

Throughout his military career, General Inglis has helped spearhead a number of major initiatives including the Maryland Air National Guard's conversion to the C-130J "Hercules" cargo aircraft as well as the standing up of the first-ever Air National Guard Information Operations Squadron at the National Security Agency.

"General Inglis is not only an exceptional leader, but a visionary and trusted advisor who cares deeply about the Maryland Air National Guard and its most important asset - its people," said Maj. Gen. Bruce F. Tuxill, the adjutant general of the Maryland National Guard. "These qualities will no doubt take on even greater significance as we continue to position and prepare the Maryland National Guard for future missions both at home and abroad."

A graduate of both the U.S. Air Force's Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College, General Inglis joined the Maryland Air National Guard in 1985 as a

C-130 pilot. In addition to his most recent assignment, he served as commander of the Maryland Air National Guard's 135th Airlift Squadron and 135th Airlift Group.

As a civilian, General Inglis is a member of the Department of Defense's Senior Executive Service, where, for nearly 20 years, he has served in a number of senior leadership positions.

He earned a bachelor's degree in engineering mechanics from the U.S. Air Force Academy, and a master's degree in mechanical engineering from Columbia University. Additionally, General Inglis holds master's degrees in computer science from both The Johns Hopkins University and George Washington University.

The Maryland Air National Guard is comprised of a State Headquarters in Baltimore, the 175th Wing at Martin State airport and its two flying units and support staff - the 104th Fighter Squadron and its A-10 jet fighters, and the 135th Airlift Squadron and its C-130J cargo aircraft. More than 1,600 full-time and traditional members are employed by the Maryland Air National Guard, contributing more than \$100 million annually to Maryland's economy.

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